

“NEW” PRIORITY POPULATION

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

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RELEVANT FACTORS

- *DMH must increase provision of reimbursable services by approx \$17 Million (really \$33 M)*
- *DMH must focus provision of services to indigents who are in priority population*
- *County budget crisis*
- *State budget crisis*

MYTHS

- *LA DMH is the “safety net” for non-priority indigent population*
- *Front line staff are ethically obligated to provide MHS to any person who presents for a clinical assessment*
- *LA DMH is “safety net” for Medi-Cal beneficiaries*
- *State DMH will bail LA out*

BRONZAN-MCCORQUODALE ACT (WIC 5600)

- ***“To the extent resources are available, public MH services...should be provided to priority target populations...”***
- ***Adults/older adults “have a serious mental disorder” which is “severe in degree and persistent in duration.” This “interferes substantially with the primary activities of daily living...for a long or indefinite period of time.”***
- ***“likely to be come so disabled as to require public assistance, services, or entitlements”***

BM Act

- ***Children and youth “under the age of 18” who are “seriously emotionally disturbed, ” have a DSM mental disorder that “results in behavior inappropriate” to age “according to developmental norms.”***

BM Act

- ***Impairment in at least two areas: self-care, school, family, or ability to function in the community, AND either occur:***
 - ***is at risk of removal or has been removed***
 - ***disorder and impairment has been for more than 6 mos or likely to last 1 yr w/o treatment***
- ***Child displays psychotic features, suicide risk or risk of violence due to disorder***

NEW PRIORITY POPULATION

multi-dimensional definition

- ***Severe emotional/behavioral crisis***
- ***At risk for out-of-home placement***
- ***Certain diagnostic categories***
- ***Severe functional impairment***

SEVERE EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL CRISES

applicable clinical states

- ***Acutely suicidal***
- ***Acutely homicidal or at risk of becoming violent***
- ***Acutely psychotic***

AT RISK FOR OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT

- ***Individual child/youth repeatedly engages in behaviors that are dangerous to self/others and/or unlawful***
- ***Environment of child/youth is problematic for evidence of physical or sexual abuse, substandard safety assurances, health risks, and compromised development***

DIAGNOSTIC CATEGORIES

- ***Adults/older adults:***

***DSM-IV TR mental disorder of: - Psychotic disorder
with requirement for medication Major depressive disorder or
bipolar (moderate or severe)***

- ***Severe anxiety disorder***

- ***Children and youth:***

- - ***Psychotic disorder with requirement for medication***

- - ***Major depressive disorder or bipolar (moderate or severe)***

- - ***Severe anxiety disorder***

- - ***Severe ADHD, conduct disorder, or oppositional defiant disorder***

SEVERE FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT

- ***Adults/older adults:***

- - ***Severe in degree***

- - ***Persistent (at least one year)***

- - ***interferes with ADL's***

- - ***likely to become "Disabled"***

SPAD

SEVERE FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT

- ***Children and youth:*** - ***developmentally inappropriate***
- ***behavior***
- ***- impairment in at least two domains:***
 - ***self-care, school, family, community - more than six months***

DIB2DSM

MEDICAL NECESSITY CRITERIA (MNC)

for Medi-Cal reimbursement for
Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS)

Beneficiary must meet following criteria:

- ***have an included dx***
- ***as a result of diagnosis there is:***
 - ***- significant functional impairment***
 - ***- probability of significant deterioration***
 - ***- probability of compromised child development***

MNC

- ***Must meet each of the following intervention criteria:*** -
treatment focus is on impairment, deterioration, or developmental condition
 - ***goal of treatment is to:***
 - ° ***significantly diminish impairment or***
 - ° ***prevent significant deterioration***
 - ° ***support normal child development***

MNC

- ***condition is not responsive to physical care***

Beneficiary shall receive SMHS for an included diagnosis even if an excluded diagnosis is also present.